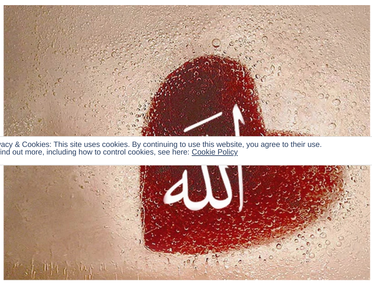
“The lover is ever obedient” – Poem by Imam Shafi’i رحمه الله



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> تَعْصِي الإلهَ وَأَنْتَ تُظْهِرُ حُبَّهُ
> هذا مُحالٌ في القياسِ بديعُ
> لَوْ كانَ حُبُّكَ صَادِقاً لَأَطَعْتَهُ
> إنَّ المُحِبَّ لِمَنْ يُحِبُّ مُطِيعُ
> في كلِّ يومٍ يبتديكَ بنعمةٍ
> منهُ وأنتَ لشكرِ ذاكَ مضيعُ

> *You disobey Allah while you make apparent your love for Him,*
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> *This is an impossible, unprecedented analogy,*
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> *If your love had been true, you would have obeyed Him,*
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> *For indeed the lover is ever obedient to the one he loves,*
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> *Within each day He begins for you a blessing from Him,*
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> *But you are, in gratitude of that, wasteful and neglectful.*

I love this poem by Imam Shafi’i (رحمه الله). How many people claim to love Allah, yet choose to disobey Him with the very blessings that He has given them? Of course, we know that all the sons of Adam are sinners but the best of the sinners are those who repent often. (sunnah.com/urn/2054390).

The fact is, if we were truly lovers of Allah, we would obey Him to the best of our ability. It’s truly perplexing to hear someone say that they love Allah but they don’t want to fulfil His obligations e.g. praying Salah, fasting, Hijab. Read the poem above and reflect on how generous Allah is and how ungrateful humans can be.

P.S. I came across this poem and others by Imam Shafi’i (رحمه الله) through this sisters only course which is definitely worth a look: fajrblogcourse

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